

Propose Hollywood Riviera Club as Teen Center



HITS POLE—Mrs. Irene M. Saludes, of 755 E. 213th St., was taken to Harbor General Hospital when her car felled a power pole on Carson St. near Avalon Blvd. Tuesday night. CHP officers who investigated the accident said her car traveled another 100 yards before it came to rest against an embankment. Press Photo.

Cyclists, Passenger Injured

A motorcyclist and his passenger were seriously injured when their machine collided with an auto at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd. Sunday.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with skull fractures were Warner N. Barnetti, 22, of Hawthorne, and Betty Cretzinger, 18, his passenger, of Inglewood.

They collided with an auto driven by Charlet Lori Hedgar, of 15332 Atkinson Ave., Gardena.

Both Barnetti and Mrs. Cretzinger were hurled off their motorcycle when it crashed against the side of the car, police said. In addition to a compound skull fracture, Barnetti suffered several loosened teeth.

In another week-end accident at 168th St., near Atkinson Ave., Erick Christian Lauridean, 22 months, of 16803 Atkinson, received minor injuries when hit by a car driven by Arlie V. Johnson, 42, of 16802 Casimir Ave., police said.

Thomas James Watson, 18, of 22041 Island St., was booked on a drunk charge, after he allegedly struck a chain link fence on Cherry Ave., police said.

Three youths reported minor injuries after their car flipped over when they hit a dirt shoulder of Lomita Blvd. east of Hawthorne Blvd., Tuesday.

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Isen Proposes Conversion of Club for Teenage Center

Purchase of the Hollywood Riviera Club by Torrance and Redondo Beach for use as a teenage center was proposed for study by Mayor Albert Isen Tuesday.

The mayor said that such a step should be referred to the Park and Recreation Commissions of both cities to determine if such a program is feasible.

"The club has been a pain in the side for some time. They are conducting their business at the expense of residents," Isen said.

He pointed out that the club, which straddles the Torrance-Redondo Beach line, has a pool, gym and dance floor, and would be ideal for a youth center.

Isen said that if the place were operated by the cities, it would be closed down at 10 p.m. and not disturb residents who have complained about nocturnal jam sessions.

He said he had discussed the matter informally with Mayor LeRoy L. Center of Redondo Beach.

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Council Hits Costly Engineering Errors

One-Way Plan Hit by Jahn

A one-way street program for the downtown area may run into opposition from Councilman Robert B. Jahn, chairman of the Traffic Commission to which the plan was sent for recommendation.

"I'm not particularly fond of it, but I may change my mind after I have studied it," Jahn said.

The councilman said that as far as he is concerned at this moment, the congestion in the central area can be solved best by the installation of signals at each intersection.

Slow Pedestrians

"I've stood down there and watched, and it's the pedestrians who are holding up the traffic now," he asserted.

Jahn said he feels that installation of 12 signals, already authorized by the City Council, will achieve greater speedup since cars will not be halted by constant movement of pedestrians across streets.

But Fred W. Mill, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, which has approved the one-way street plan on a trial basis, said the organization is opposed to the "Chinese Lantern" type signals contemplated.

Warrant Officers Search High and Low for Errant Drivers Who Duck Courts

Two Torrance police officers are making thousands of dollars for the city each month.

They are Gene Erbetta and Jack Hahn, who are in charge of the police department's warrant detail.

The bulk of their work is to bring in traffic violators who "forgot" to pay their tickets, although some of their prisoners fit into more serious crime categories.

During last April alone, the warrants served by the two six-year veterans of the department, amounted to \$24,277.

Failure to Appear

Hahn and Erbetta take over after the defendant on a traffic citation fails to show up in court.

When their names are called in court and they are not present, the judge issues a warrant. It is the duty of the two-man warrant detail to locate the absentee violators, arrest them and bring them to court.

Their failure to show up in court when they were supposed to, usually costs them quite a bit in an additional fine.

For instance, a \$1 parking meter violation, costs the guilty motorist a swacking \$12, once the case goes to warrant. Failure to have a driver's license in possession has a warrant charge of \$130.

Warning Letter

But the parking violator is still better off than other defendants. He gets a warning letter before his case goes to warrant.

Others do not get that courtesy. Once they fail to show up, a warrant is issued.

Some persons for whom warrants are issued are not caught up with for several years. Perhaps never.

But few drivers for whom warrants are out can long escape. They will not be issued a driver's license renewal until they have cleared up their case, under a State law.

Erbetta and Hahn's search for subjects of warrant is usually on land, but they can each



SEARCH BEGINS—Gene Erbetta, Torrance police warrant officer, and Police Matron Evelyn Stanford check warrant file for persons who have failed to show up in court. In the first seven days of August, warrant officers made 17 arrests on warrants, which brought in \$2671 in bail money. Press Photo.

Mistake In Sewer Admitted

Councilmen grumbled and groaned, but finally voted the payment of \$4822 because of an admitted engineering error in the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3.

City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop, hauled on the carpet to report on residents' charges that errors were made in the laying of laterals, recommended that the city, rather than the assessment district be charged with the costs of correcting work on 237th and 238th sts.

"The basic error was lack of sufficiently trained personnel. I will see to it that it does not occur again," Bishop said.

Follow Instruction

A spokesman for a private engineering firm which did the surveying work, claimed that his men had merely followed instructions from city officials in doing their jobs.

"In order to get a serviceable sewer, someone will have to pick up the tab," Councilman Willys Blount declared.

Bishop said that while it was true that the lines were too shallow at some spots, it might have been considerably more expensive to lower them by several feet.

Show Me

"You got to show me that, I won't buy it," snapped Councilman George Bradford. "Someone's made a mistake and I'd like to know who."

Bishop said that the city inspector on the job is now on vacation.

"It's a poor situation and I don't like it. But I guess errors happen," Mayor Albert Isen said.

The sewer district is bounded by Eshelman and Arlington Aves., 231st and 238th Sts., and includes 160 Lots. Bishop said that faulty connections were made at nine of the 160 lots.

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Torrance Trio Wins \$66,000 at Race Track

Three unidentified Torrance aircraft workers received the biggest "5-10" pay-off of the season Sunday at Agua Caliente race track, Baja California.

The trio shared a \$2 ticket which was worth \$66,039.20. Only two of the three who chipped in appeared at the race track to claim the winnings.

The third partner, who had to work overtime, and actually handicapped the winners, stayed behind in Torrance.

The two who claimed the winnings, refused to identify themselves and clammed up except to tell where they were from and their partnership.

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Car Skids, Hops On Front Lawns

Plants and shrubbery in front of three houses on Calle Mayor took a beating, but no one was injured when a car slid out of control Tuesday.

Police said that the auto operated by Mrs. Norma Lee Nelson, 21, of 4544 Newton St., skidded on water as she rounded the turn at Calle Mayor and...

Young Bandsmen Practice for Sunday Program

The Torrance Recreation Department will present the "Fun Through Music" program in its second annual park concert at the Torrance Park Band Shell Sunday at 2 p.m.

For eight weeks, over 100 boys and girls have been "blowing it out" on trumpets, clarinets, trombones, tubas, etc., at the various parks in Torrance. At the same time, they have been meeting once a week on a city-wide basis, at the Civic Auditorium, in downtown Torrance, to prepare for their final combined-parks concert.

In addition to the usual repertoire of marches, overtures, waltzes and novelties, the band will feature Don Brunet, playing a sousaphone solo; Steve Westcott, a drum solo; Doug Westcott, an accordion solo; Allen and Judy Albright, presenting a trombone duet; and Freddie Myers, a trumpet solo. The public is invited to attend this program, which is under the direction of Jim Davidson, assisted by Bob Salisbury.



BRASSY NOTES—Don Brunet, 11, of 101 Via Monte D'Oro, carries a heavy load as he practices on Sousaphone for band concert to be given Sunday in Torrance Park. Press Photo.

Riviera Variance Denied

Heading protests of Hollywood Riviera residents, the City Council denied a variance for an office building at 6210 Pacific Coast Highway Tuesday night.

In a split 4-3 vote, it concurred with a Planning Commission recommendation to turn down the application of Albert Leavitt to construct the building on three lots.

Cmdr. William Mason, former member of the Planning Commission, asserted that the variance "in my opinion is the worst kind of poor planning."

Residents who spoke against the variance want apartment house zoning retained for the property.

Councilman J. A. Beasley remarked that it appeared that the same people who signed Leavitt's petition in favor, had also signed those opposing the variance. He remarked that the people presumably don't want to offend their neighbors.

"You think I'm a Lord down there," angrily protested W. A. Garabrant, one of the petition circulators.

Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Beasley and Victor E. Benstead, voted in favor of the variance.

City Airport Is Key to Future, Realtors Told

Torrance Municipal Airport can become a tremendous asset for attracting industrial and commercial development.

De Silva explained that most of Los Angeles International revenue is derived from its public parking lots. Second are restaurants, cocktail lounges and news stands, third is income from air lines, fourth insurance and fifth from pay telephones.

The telephones alone bring in \$30,000 per year, he said.

Alice O'Rourke was program chairman.

Production To Start

Production will begin this month at the Reynolds Metals Co. Torrance plant, at Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez St., L. B. Ward, plant manager said.

Employing about 30 persons, the plant will spool and package wrap and make aluminum containers. The operation will be located in one of the buildings in the former Pacific Electric Co. property.

Spooling machines and four container presses are now being installed. Approximately 20,000 rolls of wrap will be produced per shift, Ward said.

The container presses will form aluminum foil into round and rectangular pie pans. About 100,000 pans will be produced per shift.

Ward said the company has no plans at present for additional operations on the 43-acre property.

Air Fete Beauty Selected

Donna Isbell, 19-year-old SC coed, will be Torrance's first "Miss Airport Day" it was announced today by Co-Chairmen J. D. Thomas and Jack Egan.

Donna will be officially honored during the Airport Day activities scheduled for Sept. 6 under sponsorship of the Aviation Committee of the Chamber in cooperation with the Airport Commission and the City of Torrance. Events start at 9 a.m. and include an air race, exhibits of military and civilian planes, military displays, aviation products, movies, and tours of the entire airport facilities as well as an Open House at the Nike Air Base and Ryan Aeronautical Co.

Bands representing March Air Force Base and Fort MacArthur will join the Torrance Area Youth Band. The public is invited, free of charge, to all events.

The new "Miss Airport Day" represented Torrance in the national "Miss Wool" contest and carries a pleasing 37 1/2 - 23 1/2 - 35 1/2 on a 5'6" frame. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Isbell of Torrance.

Murder Charges To Be Dropped

Charges against Harvey Tibbet, held on attempted murder charges following the saber stabbing of a man in a romantic triangle, have been dropped.

Thomas McKeaveny, 33, who is still in Harbor General Hospital, refused to press charges against Tibbet, who was booked in Torrance city jail Saturday following the stabbing in Redondo Beach.